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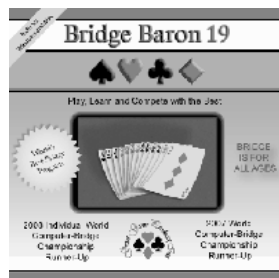
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Nominations are called for the Unit 166 Board of Directors. See page 7 for details.

Six Canadian Teams made the trip to Beijing to play in the 1st World Mind Sports Games with varying degrees of success. The personal experiences of two of those participants are related in this issue. John Rayner, NPC of the Women's Team, and Robert Lebi, a member of the Open Team, give us a good feel for the country, the city and the competition itself.

A multinational team assembled the night before the event began, and including yours truly, was victorious in the North American Senior Knockout Teams Championship at the Fall Nationals in Boston in November.

John Carruthers

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Five Directors are to be elected to the Board for a term of office of two years and nominations are invited for these positions. The election will be held from Thursday, April 9, 2009 through Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Toronto Regional and at advance polls to be held in the period between the close of nominations and the beginning of the Toronto Regional. Nomination forms must be signed by two Unit 166 members and accepted by the nominee, and must be received by the Unit Secretary by March 15, 2009.

The voting booth will be open at the Toronto Regional from 11:50 to 12:50, 1:50 to 2:50, and 5:50 to 6:50 on the three election days.

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Unit 166 Year End Report - Sally Rewbotham, President

Year end; wow! It doesn't seem possible that I should be writing this memo to update you on some of the comings and goings of the Board from this past year. I know that many of you wonder what it is that we do so I'll take this chance to share some of this with you.

We have run some very successful tournaments this year. The Niagara District Assoc., Credit Valley Assoc. and the Central Ontario Assoc. have all run successful tournaments this year. This year, Lorna Johnson's team decided to add an Intermediate/Novice (IN) tournament as well. So, too, did Leo Upenieks' team in Burlington. Leo blew us away by getting sponsors so now we're working to add sponsors to other tournaments. Suzanne Kosky is planning another IN tournament for the Toronto area in the spring. Well done folks! The future of bridge in the area rests with the IN players.

As I write this the Hamilton organizers are working on their tournament plans. The Toronto January Sectional is quickly approaching and, needless to say, I'm very soon going to be immersed in the Toronto Regional details. **DON'T FORGET THAT WE'RE MOVING TO THE DOUBLETREE AT THE AIRPORT** (formerly the Skyline).

Right now the Board members are involved in the mind numbing job of reviewing and rewriting By-Laws, Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. Much of the material hasn't been substantially reviewed for years so this is exhausting but will provide a very worthwhile document for future boards. I'd like to report that the Board is having fun with this but that would be stretching the truth a bit!

Board members are also discussing better ways to assist clubs, Associations, and players. We deal with the difficulty of an aging membership which is not a good thing when you're trying to increase, or at least not decrease, the membership. It has impact on the number of players in clubs in winter (many retirees head south) and evening games (retirees play more afternoon bridge). It also affects our tournaments. At the same time that "playership" has decreased, our costs have escalated. Toronto hotel tournaments have become problematic.

We welcome ideas that will help all of our clubs. One idea that has surfaced to increase the numbers of players in our clubs is as follows: Take those copies of old Bulletins or Kibitzers (after removing your address, etc.) to a local doctor's/dentist's/physio's office and ask if you can put them in the waiting room for patients/clients to read. As an additional thought, staple some info inside the magazine to direct readers to your local club or website.

Our Board likes to celebrate our stars and had the opportunity to say "Thanks" to this year's Kate Buckman Award winner, Marion Watson, and to Patti Lee, winner of the Audrey Grant Award. Celebrating with their friends, colleagues, students and customers is always a highlight.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of our volunteers. You make the tournaments work better; you make the spirit of the clubs better; you make the games more fun and, without you, it just doesn't happen.

Here's hoping that 2009 is the best ever. I leave you with my personal bridge saying, "Never deny the opponents the right to be wrong!"

Candidates for Unit 166 Board of Directors (as of December 15, 2008)



CAROL BONGARD. I am seeking re-election to the Board of Directors of Unit 166 and respectfully ask for your support. I would like to remain your voice on the Board. See Kibitzer for telephone and email. I am interested in expanding bridge in Toronto schools (contacts welcome) and continued fiscal responsibility.

LORNA JOHNSON. I have been on the Board since 2007 and in 2008 was made Chair of the Intermediate/Novice Committee - I am very interested in continuing and expanding this role. I am an active player and administrator in the Niagara region - I launched our new I/N tournament in 2008 and was co-chair of Niagara Falls Regional - I would make sure our coming NABC is recognized as the benchmark for future events!



SALLY REWBOTHAM. Sally has served on the Board for several years. Her focus is to enable and encourage Board members to work well together, improve Unit tournaments, provide assistance to Associations and players, encourage open communication and promote both the game of bridge and the contributions of those in the game. She is seeking your support. Vote for Sally to keep her voice strong.

JOAN RICHARDSON. I have great interest in working for better bridge, especially in our Unit. I am the Treasurer of Unit 166, and in my last year as President of District 2. I continue to be the Caddy Master for Toronto and will be working hard for you on the committee organizing the 2011 NABC in Toronto. With your help, I look forward to being re-elected to the Board of Unit 166.





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John Rayner

John was Non-Playing Captain of the Canadian Women's Team which represented our country at the first-ever World Mind Sports Games this past October in Beijing, China. The members of that team were Pamela Nisbet (Ottawa), Karen Cumpstone (Nanaimo), Martine Lacroix (Montreal), Pascale Gaudreault (Chicoutimi), Susan Culham (Edmonton) and Kismet Fung (Edmonton). You can visit John's still-posted blog at cbf.ca for more stories of the Women's Team and Beijing.

The date was May 15th of last year. Pamela Nisbet, Karen Cumpstone, Michael Roche and I were enjoying a wonderful dinner at one of Winnipeg's finest restaurants. The dinner was made possible because we had suffered yet another first round knockout defeat at the Red River Regional and therefore had the evening free. Wine complimented dinner in generous amounts and Pamela seductively leaned across the table and posed the question every guy yearns to hear: "If we win the Canadian Women's Team Championship, would you be our non-playing captain?" I told her to ask again if they did win and after she gave the idea some sober thought.

On June 1st, her team having emerged victorious in Montreal, Pamela called me to repeat her request. I readily agreed to be the team's NPC in Beijing. The members of the team, who didn't really know me at all (Martine,

Pascale, Susan and Kiz), acquiesced to Pamela's choice, relieved by their knowledge that I couldn't hurt their chances too much since I wouldn't actually be playing any hands.

With four months to prepare, the gals spent considerable effort working on their bridge games. Fred Gitelman's Bridge Base Online (BBO) of course is a great venue on which to practise. The gals worked on exercises provided for them by Eric Kokish / Beverly Kraft. Beverly was particularly patient and helpful in putting the players through difficult "defensive play" situations on BBO.



The Great Wall

The Kokish-Kraft support was greatly appreciated. In September Martine, Pascale, Susan and Kiz were able to come to Mississauga for a weekend of bridge and socializing at my club. They were all overwhelmed by the warmth shown to them by the players of my club. Michael Roche flew in from Victoria to help with the weekend and his input was invaluable. The weekend also allowed the four to get to know me a little and for us all to continue to bond as a group. The team members and myself engaged in varied fund raising projects and when all was

tallied the team was fully funded for the trip (airfare, hotel, meals).

We arrived on October 1st in Beijing, an amazing city of 18 million. The first impression was of a very modern metropolis, very western in appearance - wide streets, modern buildings, efficient, clean subway system. But lots of smog on many days, obscuring the view of the 50-mile-away mountains which were easily seen on clear days.

The bridge event boasted a great playing site with excellent lighting, lots of space, and the latest in instantaneous scoring. The organization and running of the bridge events were first rate.

I would like to report that our team came home with the gold medal, but such was not to be. We lost our first match to a pre-event favourite, host China, and had a slow start over the initial two days of play. From then on it was catch-up, trying to reach the top five in our group of 18 teams. There were 54 women's teams in total. The team rebounded very well over the last five days of play, winning six matches in a row at one point, but unfortunately the teams ahead of us continued to perform well and making up any real ground proved to be very difficult. Overall, the team finished in the middle of the group, despite winning 10 of its 17 matches.

Perhaps one area of weakness was in slam bidding, which through discussion with other Canadian teams was generally a weakness for them too.

Not surprisingly, the teams that did well in the slam zone placed highly. I am pleased to report, however, that your Women's Team competed hard all the way through and conducted themselves with the highest level of sportsmanship and class throughout.

Having been eliminated from the Women's event, all six team members chose to take part in the Transnational Mixed Teams. Four teams had members of our team on their roster. I had the privilege of playing with Karen, three of her former homeland (New Zealand) bridge friends and Dilip Gidwani from India.

Playing with Karen, I found the following hand to be one of interest.

Karen

♠ A K 10 4 2

♥ Q 9 5

♦ K 6 5

♣ A K

Me

♠ 9 7 3

♥ A J 4

♦ 9 7 3

♣ J 4 3 2

Karen opened one spade. Rightly or wrongly, with such minimal values and no ruffing value, I decided to bid one notrump rather than two spades. Karen promptly raised to three notrump. At the sight of dummy, it was apparent to me that we had done well in the bidding. Four spades looked like it had no play whatsoever, with a likely spade loser, a heart loser and two or three diamond losers. Before reading on, what is your plan in three notrump?

The play to the first trick is as follows: heart three, nine, six (upside down count).

I could see the following: four likely spade tricks at the loss of one trick, two heart tricks and two club tricks. I needed the king of diamonds, therefore, to get the total up to nine. If the opening leader had five hearts, I didn't want to first lose a spade trick to his partner and have a heart led through my ace. So, needing the opening leader to have the ace of diamonds, I won the first heart with my jack and immediately played a diamond to the king. Then, when that won, I would play ace of spades, then a low spade to my nine, catering to a 4-1 division on-side. I gave this considerable thought and was confident that my line of play was correct. So what happened?

The diamond king lost to the ace, and my RHO was thrilled to cash four more diamonds. The result - down three. Karen, who is a delightful and supportive partner, was observing this unfold from the other side of the screen. Unable to contain herself any longer, when the debacle was complete, she poked her head through the aperture of the screen and said in her endearing Kiwi accent "I guess that didn't work." No kidding, Karen!!! There was no winning line, but I still think this to be an instructive hand.

Here are some miscellaneous Beijing bytes. Each Canadian NPC was asked by the CBF to write a blog from Beijing. I had never done this before and quite enjoyed the opportunity to

do some writing. Martine was also blogging daily back home to the French-speaking bridge players. She usually blogged late at night and I in the morning. I never read Martine's blog until after submitting mine, so as not to plagiarize any of her material. One morning Martine told me that Michael Roche (my bridge partner, my best friend, the best man at my wedding) had told her via e-mail that hers was the best blog from Beijing. I confronted Michael with this affront and ever quick on his feet, Michael responded by saying that what he meant was that Martine's was the best French blog, but that mine was the best English blog. I'm not sure that was anything but a diplomatic revision by him. Michael loves the sound of the French language.

Shopping in Beijing was a wonderful experience, what with the very cheap prices and the constant bargaining between seller and buyer. Pamela proved to be an exemplary and prolific shopper. She filled a whole new suitcase with her many purchases, including some gorgeous tailor-made clothes. When we eventually left Beijing to come home, the city experienced a huge economic hit and mourned her departure.

The members of the Canadian Open, Women's and Seniors Teams spent much time socializing, dining and touring together. Beijing has a wealth of sites to visit and in various outings we saw most of those sites, including The Forbidden City (The Palace Museum), the Temple of Heaven, the

Emperor's Summer Palace, Tian'anmen Square, Chairman Mao's Memorial, the Ming Tombs, and the "Bird's Nest" and "Water Cube" Olympic venues. Our hotel and the playing site were in the midst of the Olympic installations. We experienced the pleasures of hand massages, manicures, foot massages, pedicures, upper body massages, the local cuisine and the culture of China.

On our excursion to the Great Wall, Michael, our young Chinese tour guide, regaled our group with much information about Beijing and China. His English was quite good, but certainly not perfect. At one point he started talking about "the five erections." One of the guys said that was more than a year's worth of erections for him. We finally realized that Michael was actually talking about the five Chinese "directions" - North, South, East, West and in the middle.

One night, after a fine Indian dinner in downtown Beijing with our fellow Canadians, Pamela insisted that Karen and I linger a while with her and go to an international bar/nightclub that had been recommended by a Brit living in Beijing. We spent many hours at that bar called "Swing," with patrons from around the world and a great Filipino band. Karen and Pamela were popular with the guys (because they are both so much fun), and so I often found myself alone and ventured outside for a smoke. Each time I did so, I was asked by individual guys and then later by individual women if I would be interested in "girlie bar." Now I am not sure what a "girlie bar" invitation

entails, but I think it starts with treating a girl to a drink and then seeing where that might lead. But did I succumb to these exotic Oriental beckonings? NO, because I was a Canadian NPC, sworn to follow the captainly code which compels me to put the interests of my charges foremost at all times. I had instead to tend to my revelling team members, Pamela and Karen. The girlie bars would have to wait for another time. I would have no time for personal pleasures until all six had been returned safely to Canada. We Canadian NPC's are a dedicated and selfless lot.

Pamela and I arrived back to Toronto on October 18th, the last of our team members to be repatriated to Canadian soil. At Customs, Pamela was confronted by the agent who asked her, "Did you purchase anything while out of the country?" As only my cherished Pamela could do, she pointed to me at the adjacent booth and said, "According to that man's blog - just a bunch of crap!" The agent smiled and waved her on.

Finally, I would like to address the six wonderful and talented women who were our team. It was a privilege to be your captain and to get to know all of you so much better during our times together. It was a wondrous journey. Because of you I have been able to reach the world stage. Thanks so much for being my ticket to the "Big Leagues" of our game.

So, bye, bye Beijing, bye, bye.

TALES FROM CHINA

Robert Lebi

The first World Mind Sports Games were held in Beijing, China between October 3rd and 18th, 2008. This event was the first of its kind. It brought together an estimated 2000 competitors from 150 countries to compete for gold medals in 5 different categories: Bridge, Chess, Draughts (Checkers), Go, and Xiangqi (Chinese Chess). In the international bridge scene, this event replaces the Olympiad.

Winning the 2008 CNTC qualified our team (Nicolas l'Ecuyer, Marc-André Fourcaudot, Vincent Demuy Kamel Fergani, Dan Jacob, Robert Lebi) to represent Canada in the bridge category.

In order to get over the jet lag before the event, (and get in a little touring), my wife Judith and I arrived in China a week early. We first set down in Shanghai, an ultra-modern city with mind-boggling architecture. We then drove to the lesser-known city of Hangzhou, with a population of a mere 6.5 million. It being the Chinese Festival, another 1.5 million domestic tourists poured into Hangzhou. Most of them were from rural China. I mention this because wherever we went, people would discreetly stare at us, and little girls would point us out to their parents. It turns out that the rural tourist folk do not have much exposure to foreigners. My being over six feet tall with longish grey hair and a prominent Roman

nose (considered a very attractive feature in China) gave us a type of movie-star attention status, very weird. From there, we were off to historic Xi'an to see the world-renowned Terracotta Warriors, a must-see if you are ever in China! After a week of touring, we flew to Beijing to play a little bridge



The Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an

First, a couple of our triumphs, where an interesting feature of our system was on display in two slam auctions. Playing a weak notrump, as we do, opener often has a strong, balanced hand when he opens one club. For positional reasons, we play that responses to one club openings are transfers, including when the opponents have overcalled in a red suit.

West

Dan Jacob

♠ Q J 6 2

♥ 10 5

♦ A Q 2

♣ A K Q 2

East

Robert Lebi

♠ A K 10 5

♥ A K 9 8 6 2

♦ J 5 4

♣ —

With the opponents silent the bidding went ...

1 ♣	1 ♦ ¹
2 NT	3 ♣ ²
3 ♦ ³	3 ♥ ⁴
3 ♠	4 ♣
4 ♦	4 ♥
4 NT	7 ♠

A few explanations of the bidding are in order. One diamond was a transfer response showing four or more hearts. The three-club bid forced three diamonds and three hearts was another transfer showing exactly four spades, implying longer hearts. Dan's acceptance of the transfer indicated that he held four spades. Three cue-bids were followed by 4NT, Roman Key Card Blackwood. I knew that Dan must hold reasonable trumps to be able to bid RKCB, so I bid what I thought we could make. The grand slam required little more than a 3-2 heart break. Only 11 of the 70 pairs in the field bid the grand.

West (Robert)	East (Dan)
♠ A K 9 3	♠ Q 7 6 5 4
♥ -	♥ J 6 5
♦ K Q 10 7	♦ A 5 4
♣ J 9 7 6 3	♣ A K

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♥	Double	3 ♥
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 NT	Pass	7 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

My one-club opener showed either a balanced hand with three-plus clubs (15-19 HCP) or an unbalanced hand with four or more clubs. Dan's double

was a transfer, showing spades. My three-spade bid showed four spades and a little extra. Using Roman Key Card Blackwood, five notrump showed two key cards and a useful void. Dan knew that I had at least five clubs, four spades and zero hearts; a perfect fit to his hand. The grand slam needed little more than a non 4-0 trump break. Only 3 of the 70 pairs in the field bid to this terrific contract.

And now a play problem. You bid to the excellent contract of six hearts against the strong French team, declared by West.

West	East
♠ A Q J 10 4	♠ 9 7
♥ 9 5 3 2	♥ A K Q 8
♦ Q	♦ A 9 6 2
♣ A Q 8	♣ J 4 2

The opening lead of the seven of diamonds is won by the Ace in dummy. You lead the spade nine for a finesse, losing to the king. Another diamond comes back and you ruff. It looks like 12 easy tricks, four spades, four hearts, one diamond, one club and two diamond ruffs in hand. Accordingly, you lead a heart to the ace and a third round of diamonds. This time your RHO shows out, discarding a small club, while you ruff. What would you do next?

At the table, declarer led another heart towards the dummy in order to pull the remaining trumps. When second hand played low, he went up King. Oops, RHO showed out and down he went.

Unlucky? Not really. Here are the opponents cards.

North

♠ K 2
♥ J 10 7 6
♦ J 10 8 7 5 4
♣ 5

South

♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ 4
♦ K 3
♣ K 10 9 7 6 3

Your expert South's discard of a low club was the clue missed by declarer. Looking at the dummy's trump holding, you know that he cannot hold the jack of hearts as that would be the setting trick. Inferentially, a world-class defender would also have ruffed with the ten, if he had it. Hoping only that his partner had the jack, his ten being otherwise scheduled to fall under the three top trumps. Well, if South doesn't have the ten or jack of hearts, we know who does. Simply insert the eight of hearts and bring home the slam.

HE'S NO BOY!

John Cunningham

Fred Gitelman's Bridge Base has brought kibitzing to new heights. Ringside seats are available for many top events. This summer I was happily watching Boye Brogeland of Norway contesting the European Team Championships when this deal arose:

Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 9 8 7
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	?

East-West may have a club fit; the spades are promising, so Brogeland (South) ventured three hearts! It could have been a trick of the VuGraph transmission, but it seemed to me West's double was immediate.

The ace and king of clubs were soon on the table. This was the complete deal:

♠ 9 4 2
♥ A 10
♦ K 6 4 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

♠ 7	♠ K J 8 5 3
♥ Q 6 5	♥ 4 3 2
♦ Q 7 5	♦ A J 9
♣ A K Q 10 9 8	♣ J 6
♠ A Q 10 6	
♥ K J 9 8 7	
♦ 10 8 3	
♣ 4	



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Declarer ruffed; played a heart to the ten and the ace of hearts. Then he led the spade nine from dummy, jack, queen, seven. The heart king was next, all following. Now the coup de grâce: the DIAMOND EIGHT, ducked to the nine in East, who played a spade to South's ten. On the last heart from South it was "Goodbye Columbus."

This was the situation when Brogeland played the last heart:

♠ —	♠ K 8 5
♥ —	♥ —
♦ Q 7	♦ A J
♣ Q 10 9	♣ —
♠ A 6	
♥ J	
♦ 10 3	
♣ —	

East must discard a spade, then ace and another spade forces him to surrender a diamond trick to the king in dummy. Plus 730 for Norway.

West got a little carried away with his double having so little defence and poor trumps. Teammates were in three clubs unmolested on planet earth.

The BBO kibitzers were all for citing this as the best hand of the day. The eight of diamonds! It was such a pleasure to watch. RHO was trapped with the ace-jack-nine of diamonds. It would not have helped for his partner to play the queen.

Continuing our series for newer players...

DEFENDERS' CORNER:

Leading a Singleton II

By Audrey Grant

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...continued from last issue.

Notice that, on the following deal, partner has a tough decision to make when we lead the eight of diamonds against four hearts. Is it a singleton, a doubleton, or perhaps the top of nothing? Suppose the complete deal looks like this:

♠ 8 2	♠ 10 9 5
♥ K Q 10 3	♥ 6 2
♦ K Q J 7	♦ A 10 6 5 2
♣ 10 5 4	♣ A Q 7
♠ J 7 6 3	♠ A K Q 4
♥ 9 5 4	♥ A J 8 7
♦ 8 4	♦ 9 3
♣ K 8 6 2	♣ J 9 3

If we choose to lead the diamond eight, top of our doubleton, partner may win the ace and return the diamond two, expecting us to ruff. Declarer will happily win the nine, draw trumps, and discard two club losers on dummy's diamond winners, making an overtrick.

On this layout, partner has to win the ace of diamonds and switch to a club. How is partner to know? In practice,

it's rarely easy. Partner has to judge the likelihood that the opening lead is a singleton and decide whether to return the suit. That's why leading short suits isn't always a success. Here, it would be better if we led the two of clubs. If partner returns that suit, we'll have no trouble defeating four hearts.

The Other Side of the Table

Since the lead of a short suit can put pressure on partner to do the right thing, let's look at a deal from the other side of the table. We're East and partner leads the five of clubs after this auction:

West	North	East	South
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North (Dummy)

♠ Q J 5 3

♥ K 4

♦ K 4

♣ A K Q J 10

East (Us)

♠ 8

♥ A Q 7 3

♦ Q 9 5

♣ 9 8 4 3 2

Lead: ♣5

This time, it's clear that partner has led a singleton. North opened one club, so partner is unlikely to have led that suit with two unbid suits to lead unless he has a singleton. Also, the five of clubs is the lowest outstanding club. So, assuming declarer doesn't show out on the first trick, partner can't be leading top of a doubleton.

That's fine, but we can't win the first trick and give partner a ruff. Dummy is going to win the first trick. Our first instinct might be to play the two of clubs as an attitude signal, telling partner we don't like clubs. However, we should consider what is likely to happen next. If we're going to defeat the contract, we'll have to hope partner has a high spade to gain the lead. Partner will then want to know what to lead next. We have a distinct preference for hearts, the higher-ranking of the suits in which partner will be interested, hearts and diamonds. We may get an opportunity to give an attitude signal later, but by then it may be too late. We want to send the message right away. Since partner already knows our attitude toward the club suit from seeing the dummy, there's no point making an attitude signal on the first trick. Instead, we use this opportunity to send a suit preference signal.

We should play the nine of clubs on the first trick! Our highest card in the suit should send the message that we prefer hearts to diamonds. The complete deal might be something like this:

♠ A 7 4	♠ Q J 5 3
♥ J 8 6 2	♥ K 4
♦ J 8 7 3 2	♦ K 4
♣ 5	♣ A K Q J 10
	♠ 8
	♥ A Q 7 3
	♦ Q 9 5
	♣ 9 8 4 3 2
	♠ K 10 9 6 2
	♥ 10 9 5
	♦ A 10 6
	♣ 7 6

Holding the ace of spades, partner knows declarer won't be able to draw trumps before the defence can gain the lead. So, partner chose to lead the singleton hoping we have an entry somewhere. Our club nine lets partner know to lead a heart, not a diamond on winning the spade ace. When partner leads a heart we get two heart tricks and

can lead a club to defeat the contract.

If we had played the two of clubs on the first trick, partner would switch to a diamond on winning the ace of spades and declarer would take the rest of the tricks. Singletons and suit preference, an essential joint venture!



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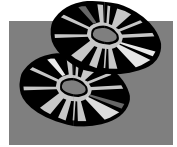
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DO YOU FEEL LUCKY, PUNK?

Bruce Elder

In a team-of-four game, I pick up the following hand as South:

♠ –
♥ A J 10 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ K 9 8 7 6 2

My partner deals and bids one spade. Pass by RHO. I'm not happy with the pending situation, but I dutifully keep it open with one notrump. Pass by LHO. Partner bids, not unexpectedly, two diamonds. Pass by RHO.

Uh, oh. An all-too-common misfit. Common sense tells me maybe I should pass, What the heck, it's just a social game, and maybe my partner would like to hear about my heart suit (hah!), so somehow the card from my bidding box showing two hearts appears in front of me. Partner, without nearly enough forethought, cheerfully bids three notrump. Uh, oh. Don't we all love those three notrump contracts when dummy has two suits and declarer has the other two . . . with singletons and voids rampant ?

Clubs not having been bid, LHO not unnaturally leads the two of clubs. Dummy comes down with:

♠ A J 9 7 3
♥ 8
♦ A Q 8 6 5
♣ A J

As all the bridge teachers tell us, think before playing from dummy on the opening lead. I suspect LHO (West) is leading from queen to four clubs, so I could try the jack, and it might hold. Then cash the ace, then come to hand with a heart, then lay down club king, hoping the clubs break 3-3. However, if they don't, I'm dead. I'll never get to hand again. With my usual luck, this will surely happen.

So on second thought, maybe try the ace of clubs and deliberately give up a club to the queen, and sort of hope for the best . . . like the club ten falling somewhere.

So I call for club ace. Surprise! RHO plays the queen! Obviously a singleton. First bit of luck. So, careful now. Look closely at club suit . . . note that I have king-nine-eight-seven-six . . . and can afford to play the jack and overtake with it with the king and then play the nine to force out the ten, making the rest of the clubs good while still holding the heart ace as the key entry.

Second bit of luck – the club spots are just right. West has to take the club ten sooner or later. He returns a heart. A spade would have been a better choice, but no matter. Cash the rest of the clubs. Take count. Five clubs, one heart, one spade. Gotta have two diamonds. Lead small diamond. Queen from dummy. Hold breath. It holds! Third bit of luck.

Rack up 3 NT. Piece a cake, this game. At the other table, they play and make three diamonds. Sometimes you just have to be lucky.

PAUL JANICKI

New District 2 Director

First and foremost, I would like to thank the District 2 community for the trust that they have placed in me by electing me to this office. I am honoured to represent our District on the ACBL Board and to have the opportunity to promote bridge in North America.

Although I began playing in ACBL tournaments in the early 1970's, I was first introduced to bridge in my early teens when I lived in Poland. I became a part of a group of high school students who played bridge with a passion once we were told by the communist authorities that bridge was a bourgeois game.

I became a regular member of the ACBL in 1984. My first administrative position was that of Toronto IBM DBC club manager, which I held for seven years. In 1997 I joined the Unit 246 Board and became the Unit Secretary, a post which I held till recently. I have also served on the ACBL Board of Governors from 2005 to 2007.

As an ACBL accredited teacher since 1992, I have introduced a number of new players to bridge through regular classes as well as mentoring and 'buddy system' programs. There is a great joy in watching a new player grow and be successful at the table; you want to think that at least in some small way you contributed to his or her achievements!

I am married, and those of you, who



Joo-Hee & Paul Janicki

are not sure who I am, will certainly know my wife Joo-Hee who attends most of the tournaments with me and is a fierce competitor at the table. We have two children, Katherine, 26, and Christopher, 23. Christopher has attended more than 20 Nationals as a caddy and is presently one of the head caddies in the ACBL. I have spent my entire working life in the computer field, first with IBM and now with AT&T, even though I have a B.A. in psychology.

Joo-Hee and I are frequent participants in our District's tournaments, especially grass-root events such as GNTs and NAOPs, as well as Sectionals. I represented District 2 with distinction in six GNT and four NAOP national finals. My two most noteworthy successes at the bridge table are the silver medal, with Det Ladewig, at the 1999 Canadian Pairs Championship and winning the North American Flight B Pairs, with Rob Sewell, in the Kansas City Nationals in 1993.

My favourite aspects of playing bridge are bidding and defence. I think it is because they involve partnership

communications. One of my favourite bidding adventures comes from the 2005 CNTC, where I partnered Ian Findlay. Vulnerable, I held:

♠ K, ♥ AQ6432, ♦ J3, ♣ Q632

and decided to open two hearts. I liked my bid, because I did not want to open one heart, allowing them to bid spades cheaply if it is not our hand, and hating the idea of eventually bidding two hearts on such a weak suit. Ian bid two no trump, asking for a feature and I bid three clubs. Looking at AK43 of clubs, Ian knew what to do – he asked for aces, and then bid six no trump. My LHO, looking at king-jack-ten-five of hearts, doubled ... I redoubled. Ian held:

♠ A75, ♥ —, ♦ AKQ1043, ♣ AK43

and the contract posed no problem. Yes, there is a minor-suit grand slam if you know how to get there ... no, not seven clubs, because clubs break 4-1 ... you have to bid seven diamonds!

I am acutely aware that Jonathan Steinberg, my predecessor, will be a tough act to follow. In his 15 years of service he redefined this post by bringing it into the computer age and introducing a high level of professionalism and commitment. But in a way I welcome this challenge, because bridge is our game, yours and mine, and I want to contribute to its growth and development.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who supported me, gave excellent advice, and encouraged me in this endeavour.

FOUR SPADES – A BRIDGE MOVIE

John Carruthers

(At each point in the narrative when a question is asked, decide what you would do before reading on.)

As a film classic, this one won't rival **8 ½** or **The Seven Samurai**, but watch the following bridge movie and play along with me...

Dealer East. Neither Vul

♠ K J 8 6 4 2

♥ —

♦ J 9 8

♣ A K 10 6

Your RHO (East) dealt and passes. You open one spade and your partner responds one no trump, forcing for one round. The opponents both pass. Your first decision point had arrived. Would you rebid two clubs or two spades?

In this situation, there are three philosophies. The first says quite simply, "Majors First" and suggests always rebidding a six-card or longer major regardless of your minors (minors are for children!). The second treatment (let's call it "Strength First") says that with a weak six-four you rebid the major, then the minor at your third turn, presuming there is one. With a strong six-four, you rebid first the minor, then the major at your third turn. Finally, "Distribution First" allows that you should describe as many cards in your hand as possible as early as possible. Its proponents say to rebid two of your minor because

you are describing at least eight of your cards (two clubs promises three or more after a forcing no trump), whereas a rebid of two spades describes only six of your cards.

Followers of the first and third stratagems would have no problem in either case (two spades in the first instance and two clubs in the second). If you follow the second strategy, you'd have to decide whether the hand was weak or strong. Playing this treatment, do you think your hand is strong enough for the major-minor-major route. You decide to rebid two clubs. After two clubs, the bidding tray comes back pass-two no trump-pass on it. Two no trump shows a balanced 11-12. What now?

Three spades should be your choice. You could bid three diamonds if it promised six spades, but it does not. Partner raises to game, LHO leads the two of hearts, lowest from an odd number. This is what you see:

♠ 9 7
♥ A Q 9 6 4
♦ A 10 5
♣ J 8 5

♠ K J 8 6 4 2
♥ —
♦ J 9 8
♣ A K 10 6

It seems there is no disadvantage to trying to win a trick with the heart queen for two diamond discards, but RHO would not allow it, placing the king on that. You ruff and have to decide how to continue. What would you do?

Since hearts were known not to be 4-4, there was no way to establish and use the fifth heart for a second diamond discard, even if there were enough entries to dummy. So you lead the eight of diamonds (the jack might have enticed a cover, but there is a potential trump promotion if you do that) to the four, five and queen.

RHO returns a trump (the five) – do you play the two, the jack or the king?

East would return a heart if trumps were 4-1. You decide to play the jack and West, unfortunately, wins the queen and exits with the two of diamonds. How do you analyze and assess the defence so far? What would you do now?

Your RHO could have returned a club from any holding that did not include the queen – a trump was rather unnecessary since there was no ruffing value in the dummy. A heart was also possible. Also, LHO had an easy heart exit as well.

If LHO did have the diamond king (he could be trying to talk you out of the finesse), the diamond ten and the ace would both be entries for spade and club plays from the dummy (with decent breaks). On the other hand, if RHO had the diamond king, you need to win the ace, discard a diamond on the heart ace, then hold your black-suit losers to one. That would be a tall order. The diamond finesse, then subsequently holding the black-suit losers to two seems better odds than winning the ace and holding the black-suit losers to one.

A consequence of playing the diamond ace would be a further decision about whether to play a club or a spade from dummy. If you play a spade, you not only need to find spades favourably-located and guess them, you need the club queen to drop singleton or doubleton. Conversely, on a club to the ten you need the queen onside, then you need to find the ace or ten of spades doubleton, then guess which one it is. Neither was a high-percentage play, but the diamond ten seemed better.

You decide after due consideration (all three of your tablemates are becoming fidgety) that LHO does not have the diamond king. If that's the case, you also needed to decide on your play after discarding the losing diamond on the heart ace. Since you really feel that the diamond king and the club queen are both on your right, you win the diamond ace, discard your third diamond on the heart ace and lead a club to the ten. It wins! Now, is it to be the spade king or the spade deuce?

Thinking that there is an outside possibility that West might have cashed the spade ace if he'd had it bare after winning the queen, you plunk down the king. This was the complete deal:

♠ A Q 3	♠ 10 5
♥ 8 5 2	♥ K J 10 7 3
♦ 7 4 2	♦ K Q 6 3
♣ 9 7 4 3	♣ Q 2
	♠ K J 8 6 4 2
	♥ —
	♦ J 9 8
	♣ A K 10 6

After the club ten wins and the spade king pins the ten, it remains only to draw the last trump with the eight and drop the club queen. Your counterpart at the other table, having lost two diamonds and three trump tricks is heard to demand, "He made four spades? How on earth did he do that?"

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Danny Schamehorn

Hi John,

We at the Orillia District Bridge Club are very proud of Danny Schamehorn for his achievement as an Emerald Life Master (7500 MPs). Over the years he has played with many partners achieving excellent results most of the time. His favourite partners have been Jack Kilby and Marilyn Kalbfleisch. He has also been a very active member of the ODBC Board of Directors for many years. He readily provides assistance and suggestions to those of us who are not so talented. We are lucky to have him as a member of our club.

Many thanks.

Peter Phelan, President ODBC

Dear John,

Thank you bridge players. Unit 166 asked for nominations for the Kate Buckman Award and the Audrey Grant Award and the names came flooding in. Many of the folks nominated were not Unit 166 members and I apologize for any confusion about the ad. The awards are Unit 166 awards and, therefore, only open to members in this Unit.

However, I want all other Units to know that your members see the work that is done and appreciate it. I encourage players to speak to your Unit executive and ask them to consider some kind of an award in your areas.

You nominated players, teachers, club managers and directors. I will not name them as I'm sure the list would not come close to being complete but, "Thank You".

Sally Rewbotham, President, Unit 166

Bruce Cunningham

Unit 238 Disciplinary Chair and Charity Chair Bruce Cunningham died suddenly this past October. Bruce made significant contributions to Unit 238 and will be dearly missed.

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Nichols, Peterborough ON; **Stratiflighted Pairs B/C:** Joo-Hee Janicki, Markham ON; Jerome St Amant, Trenton ON; **Sat Eve Strat 199er Pairs:** Ewen Ferguson - Dorothy Ferguson, Whitby ON; **Sun Aft 199er Swiss:** A Nadine Goulet - Virginia Smith, Belleville ON; Wanda Slawinski, Carrying Place ON; Janice Fleming, Plainfield ON; **Strat Open Swiss Teams :** Daphne Stevens - Hazel Garrow - Corinne Babbitt, Belleville ON; Nancy McCulloch, Batawa ON; **Sun Eve 199er Swiss:** A Nadine Goulet - Virginia Smith, Belleville ON; Wanda Slawinski, Carrying Place ON; Janice Fleming, Plainfield ON

**North Bay 299^{er} Sectional
North Bay, ON
October 18, 2008**

I/N Tournament: Frank Peirce, North Bay ON; Marie Gonnella, Sturgeon Falls ON; **I/N Tournament:** Denis Gardner, Corbeil ON; Jane Fry, North Bay ON

**Golden Horseshoe 299^{er}
Burlington, ON
October 25-26, 2008**

Sat Morn 299^{er} Pairs: David Lucescu, Toronto ON; Melodie Baldin, Welland ON; **Sat Morn 0-20 Pairs:** Linda Van Horne, Toronto ON; Glenna Richardson, West Hill ON; **Sat Aft 299^{er} Pairs:** Fletcher Keating - Judy Keating, Mississauga ON; **Sunday 299^{ers}:** Rose Hou - Xinrab(Cindy) Wu, Richmond Hill ON; Wendy Liu, Toronto ON; Yimei

Cao, North York ON

Oshawa Sectional
Oshawa On
Novembe 8-9, 2008

Strat A/X Pairs: Martin Hunter, Mississauga ON; Eiji Kujirai, Toronto ON; **Strat B/C/D Pairs:** David Hutton, Courtice ON; Jim Colvin, Schomberg ON; **Sunday A-X Swiss Teams:** Yan Wang - Terry Du, Toronto ON; Zuwei Shan, Mississauga ON; Jiawei Luo, Markham ON; **Sunday B-C-D Swiss Teams:** Sellamutto Jeyanathan - Thambiaiah Kanagaraja - D. P. Senaweera - R. C. Jayaweera, Scarborough ON

Niagara Falls Regional
Niagara Falls
November 11-16, 2008

Wed. Aft. 299ers: Somer Rumm - Celia Rumm, Toronto ON; **Wednesday Senior Pairs:** Brian Macartney, Vineland ON; Ric Stratton-Crawly, Burlington ON; **Bracketed KO I - A:** Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Phil Leon, Grosse Pointe MI; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON; **Bracketed KO I - B:** John Biondi, North Bay ON; Ulysse Desmarais, Sudbury ON; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON; Harold Dietrich, Etobicoke ON; **Bracketed KO I - C:** Fletcher Keating, Mississauga ON; Merelyn Hallowell - Alice Luxmore, Keswick ON; Paul Gillis, Oakville ON; **Charity Pairs:** Shirley Irish, N Fort Myers FL; Doris Kirsch, E

Springfield PA; **Wednesday Evening Swiss:** Barry Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Jan Zadroga, Ksiazenice Poland; Witold Turant, 92-432 Lodz Poland; Peter Clark, Ottawa ON; **Wed Open Pairs:** Joseph Sauro, North Bay ON; Don Brock, Brampton ON; **Wed Evening 299er:** Robert Purdom - John Sheasby, London ON; **Thursday Aft 199er Pairs:** Michael Beauchamp - Lynn Beauchamp, North Bay ON; **Bracketed KO II - A:** John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington - Tom Ramsay, Cambridge ON; David Deaves, Ripley ON; **Bracketed KO II - B:** Laurie Due - Michael Kammermayer - G Alan Brooks - Daniel Cecchelli, Hamilton ON; Larry Rotman, Ancaster ON; **Bracketed KO II - C:** Philip Smith - Colleen Ward, Peterborough ON; Carol Cooperider, North Olmsted OH; Betty Williams, North Royalton OH; **Bracketed KO II - D:** Sharon Perkins - Ming High, Ottawa ON; John Bovenkamp - Maxine Bovenkamp, Stittsville ON; **Bracketed KO II - E:** Don McNiven, Fergus ON; Ron Reynolds, Mount Forest ON; Douglas Drewry, Bancroft ON; Ernie Berndt, Denbigh ON; **Thursday Open Pairs:** Robert Lebi - Stephen Cooper, Toronto ON; **Thursday Eve 299ers:** Beryle Patterson - Andrew Deby, Hamilton ON; **Thursday Swiss Teams:** Paul Facinelli, Avon OH; Dan Roseberry, Dover OH; Frank Aquila, Fairlawn OH; H Jay Sloofman, Ardsley NY; **Compact Morning KO - 1:** Barry

Harper, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Witold Turant, 92-432 Lodz Poland; Jan Zadroga, Ksiazenice Poland; **Compact Morning KO - 2:** Pat Denapoli, Lasalle ON; Peggy Kainz - Barbara Clifton, Windsor ON; Sharon Beneteau, Harrow ON; **Compact Morning KO - 3:** Don McNiven, Fergus ON; Ron Reynolds, Mount Forest ON; Ernie Berndt, Denbigh ON; Douglas Drewry, Bancroft ON; **Friday Morning Swiss:** Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Dale Freeman, Englehart ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Phil Leon, Grosse Pointe MI; **Friday 299er Pairs:** Brian Picton - Teresa Picton, Welland ON; **Friday Senior Pairs:** Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA; Barbara Kepple, West Chester PA; **Friday Evening Swiss:** John McFadden - Marlene McFadden, Guelph ON; Irfan Ashraf, Ajax ON; Judy Singer, Scarborough ON; **Friday Eve 299ers:** Sandra Lewis - Shelley Burns, Toronto ON; **Friday Open Pairs:** Andy Stark, Toronto ON; John Rayner, Mississauga ON; **Sat Morning Swiss - 1:** John Kinst, Batavia IL; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON; Glenn Barkey, Nepean ON; **Sat Aft 299ers:** Margaret Dykstra, Welland ON; Elaine Gill, Wellandport ON; **Saturday Senior Pairs:** Douglas Bishop - David Keinath, Canton OH; **Bracketed KO III - A:** Kevin Conway, Kirkland Lake ON; Dwight Bender, London ON; Phil Leon, Grosse Pointe MI; Dale Freeman,

Englehart ON; **Bracketed KO III - B:** Anna Fokes - Richard Fokes, London ON; Tony Viidik - Joan Viidik, Waterloo ON; **Bracketed KO III - C:** Sam Klein, Willowdale ON; David Kroft - Jean Dilcock, Thornhill ON; Suzanne Siklos, Toronto ON; Vivienne Whitworth, Richmond Hill ON; **Bracketed KO III - C:** Gord Ellis - Michelle Ellis - Mark Rau, Hamilton ON; Chuck Paulissen, Caledonia ON; **Bracketed KO III - E:** Dale Mackenzie - John Lamarre, Barrie ON; Grant Weston, New Lowell ON; Jamie Rocci, Lisle ON; **Saturday Evening Swiss:** John Kinst, Batavia IL; George McQuarrie, St Catharines ON; James McKinney, Carol Stream IL; W Harris Jr, Lombard IL; **Saturday Eve 299er Pairs:** Alexandra Peck - Josee Hammill, Toronto ON; **Saturday A/X Pairs:** D Cole - James Cole, Hillsburgh ON; **Saturday B/C/D Pairs:** Frank Welland - Howard Binsky, Mississauga ON; **Compact KO II - A:** John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON; Cindy Mahn - Elizabeth McDowell, Kitchener ON; **Compact KO II - B:** Shona Donovan - Mark Donovan - David Crausen, Kingston ON; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA; **Compact KO II - C:** Pat Denapoli, Lasalle ON; Peggy Kainz - Barbara Clifton, Windsor ON; Sharon Beneteau, Harrow ON **Compact KO II - D:** William Liu - Jeff Luo - Peter Wang, North York ON; Peter Wong, Toronto ON; **Flight A/X Teams:** Terry Du, Toronto ON; Zuwei Shan, Mississauga ON; Bing Le, North

York ON; Richard Chan, Richmond Hill ON: **Flight B/C/D Teams:** Diana Dahdouh - Saad Dahdouh, Whitby ON; M-Christine El-Hoss - Ragi El-Hoss, Toronto ON; **299er Swiss Teams:** Kelly Pope - Michael Pope, Hamilton ON; Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON; **Sunday Afternoon 299ers:** Kelly Pope - Michael Pope, Hamilton ON; Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON

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Friday Aft Open Pairs: David Baker - Bryan Kay, Kitchener ON; **Friday Aft Senior Pairs:** Christopher Punter, Ilderton ON; Elizabeth Brawn, London ON; **Friday Aft 299'er Pairs:** Joan Greenfield, Stratford ON; Gordon Crossland, St Marys ON; **Friday Eve Open Pairs:** David Baker - Bryan Kay, Kitchener ON; **Friday Eve 299'er Pairs:** Heather Wickenheiser - Shirley Zimmer, Stratford ON; **Sat Aft 299ers:** Ken Hundert - John Snowden, Stratford ON; **Saturday Open Pairs:** Gary Whiteman, London ON; William Woodcock, Sarnia ON; **Saturday Eve 299'er Pairs:** Don McNiven, Fergus ON; Ron Reynolds, Mount Forest ON; **Sunday A/X Swiss Teams:** John Moser, St Agatha ON; Colin Harrington, Cambridge ON; Cindy Mahn - Elizabeth McDowell, Kitchener ON; **Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams:** Jeff Luo - Melissa Luo - Mark Wang - David Liu, North York ON

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Afternoon Side Game Series1:00 pm
Evening Side Game Series7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8

Morn Side Game Series (Wed.-Sat)9:30 am
Senior Swiss Teams10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Bracketed KO 1 (3rd/4th sessions) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (1st & 2nd sessions)1:30 & 7:00 pm
Open Swiss Teams1:30 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series1:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9

Morning Side Game Series9:30 am
Morning Bracketed KO Teams 1st session9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Percy Sheardown KOs (1st/2nd) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
0-1000 KOs (1st & 2nd)1:30 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 2 (3rd & 4th) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series1:30 pm
Evening Side Game Series7:00 pm

Friday, April 10

Morning Side Game Series9:30 am
Morning Bracketed KO Teams 2nd session.....9:30 am

Morning Compact KOs (1st & 2nd)9:30 am
Stratified Senior Pairs10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 & 7:00 pm
(A= 3000+; X=0-3000 ; B=0-2000; C=0-1000; D=0-500)
Sheardown KOs (3rd & 4th) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
0-1000 KOs (3rd & 4th)1:30 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (1st & 2nd) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Afternoon Side Game Series1 :30 pm
Evening Side Game Series7:00 pm
Evening Swiss Teams7:00 pm

Saturday April, 11

Morning Side Game Series9:30 am
Morning Bracketed KOs (3rd session)9:30 am
Morning Compact KOs (3rd & 4th)9:30 am
0-1000 KOs (5th & 6th) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Compact KOs1:30 & 7:00 pm
Bracketed KO 3 (3rd & 4th) 1:30 & 7:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs1:30 & 7:00 pm
(A= 3000+; X=0-3000 ; B=0-2000; C=0-1000; D=0-500)
Afternoon Side Game Series1:30 pm
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Evening Swiss Teams7:00 pm

Sunday, April 12

Morning Bracketed KOs (4th session)10:00 am
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Friday, April 10

Stratified 299er Pairs1:30 pm
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Wednesday, April 8

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Saturday, April 11

Stratified 299er Pairs1:30 pm
0-49 Pairs1:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs7:00 pm
0-49 Pairs7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9

Stratified 299er Pairs1:30 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs7:00 pm
0-49 Pairs7:00 pm
Newcomer Pairs (0-5) Free ..1:00 pm

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- Single sessions offered

Sunday May 3: 10:30 am Play-through

Lunch on site during break

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- B/C/D Swiss Teams (B=750-1500; C=300-750; D=0-300)

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Sunday May 3

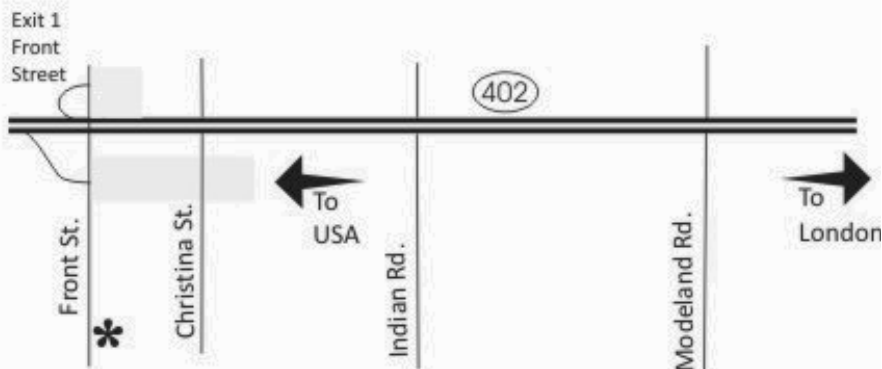
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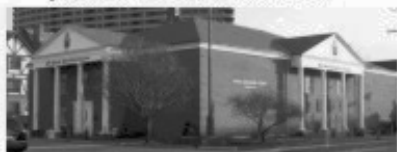
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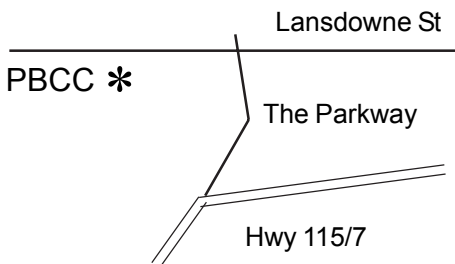
Open Pairs (Single Session) (Stratiflighted A/X & B/C)	11 am
(A: 2500+ X: 0-2500) (B: 750-1500 C: 0-750)	
Open Pairs (Single Session) (A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500)	4 pm
199 pairs (Single Sessions)	11 am & 4 pm
Bracketed KOs (Round 1)	4 pm

Sunday May 17th

Open Pairs (Single Sessions) (A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500)	11 am & 4 pm
199 pairs (Single Sessions)	11 am & 4 pm
Bracketed KOs (Round 2 & 3)	11 am & 4 pm

Monday May 18th (Note: Earlier Start Time – Don't be late)

Open Swiss Teams (7 Rounds of 7 Boards) (Box lunch included)	10 am & TBA
(A: 1250+ B: 500-1250 C: 0-500) (Strata will be based on Team Average)	
199er Swiss Teams (Single Sessions)	10 am



Tournament Coordinators:

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Exit Hwy 115 at the Parkway. Take the Parkway North to Lansdowne St. Turn Left/West on Lansdowne. After the lights at Future Shop, turn left into the Parkway Plaza



♣♦♥♠ K-W SUMMERFEST ♠♥♦♣

Sectional Tournament

June 13 and 14, 2009

Waterloo Memorial Recreational Complex
101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, Ontario

Saturday, June 9

Game times: 1:00 and 7:00 P.M.

Compact Knock Outs and Open Pairs

A: 1250+ B: 500 - 1250; C: 0 - 500

Single Session 199er Games

Entries: \$11/person/session; 199ers -\$8

Refreshments after the evening game.

Sunday, June 10

Game Time: 11:00 & TBA

Swiss Teams – Open

A: 1250+ B: 500 -1250; C: 0 -500

Swiss Teams - 199ers

(if numbers permit)

Entries: Open - \$24/person; 199ers - \$18

Includes sandwich lunch

Free doughnuts before the game

PRIZES!

**Complimentary
Coffee & Tea**

Tournament Chair

Cindy Mahn

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519-747-9400

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Destination Inn

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St. Jacobs Country Inn

800-972-5371

Directions

From Toronto 401W to exit # 278 Hwy 8 (Kitchener). Hwy 7E to 85 (Waterloo). Exit Bridgeport Rd, turn **right**. Bridgeport Rd around the big curve; **right** at Erb Street; **right** at Fr. David Bauer Dr. Rec. Ctr on left.

From London 401E: To exit # 275 Homer Watson Blvd. Left on Homer Watson to Hwy 7&8 (Stratford). Exit Fischer-Hallman. **left** on Fischer-Hallman; **right** at University Ave; **right** at Erb Street; **left** at Fr. David Bauer.

The air conditioner in the Rec Centre is fixed and functioning!

CAMBRIAN SHIELD

SUDBURY REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

August 18-23, 2009



Howard Johnson Hotel
50 Brady Street, **Sudbury**
705-675-5602 and 1-800-446-4656



OPEN SCHEDULE

(Gold Points available)

All open stratified events (0-500, 500-1500, 1500+)

Tuesday August 18

Stratified Women's Pairs1:00pm and 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs1:00pm and 7:00pm

Wednesday August 19

Bracketed KO's (1st Session)9:00am
Open Swiss Teams1:00pm and 7:00pm

Thursday August 20

Bracketed KO's (2nd Session)9:00am
Flight A Pairs & Stratified B & C1:00pm and 7:00pm

Friday August 21

Bracketed KO's (3rd Session)9:00am
Compact KO's (1st session)9:00am
Bracketed KO's (rounds 1 & 2) 1:00pm and 7:00pm
Stratified Open Pairs1:00pm and 7:00pm

Saturday August 22

Bracketed KO's (final)9:00am
Compact KO's (final)9:00am
Bracketed KO's (rounds 3 & 4)1:00pm and 7:00pm
Flight A Pairs1:00pm and 7:00pm
Stratified Flight B&C1:00pm and 7:00pm

Sunday August 23

Open Swiss Teams10.00am PLAYTHROUGH

For more information contact Monique at mogren@person.ca

Intermediate/Newcomer Schedule on next page...

CAMBRIAN SHIELD

SUDBURY REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

August 18-23, 2009

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

(Red or Black Points)

All I/N events are single session: Strats A=100-300, B=-50-100, C=0-50

Also, separate games for players with 0-20 master points (fewer boards)

Strats A=10-20, B=5-10, C=0-5

Where numbers warrant

Tuesday August 18

0-300 Stratified Pairs	1:00pm
0-300 Stratified Pairs	7:00pm
0-20 Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00pm

Wednesday August 19

0-300 Swiss Teams	10:00am
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Thursday August 20

0-300 Stratified Pairs	1:00pm
0-300 Stratified Pairs	7:00pm
0-20 Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00pm

Friday August 21

0-300 Stratified Pairs	1:00pm
0-300 Stratified Pairs	7:00pm
0-20 Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00pm

Saturday August 22

0-300 Stratified Pairs	1:00pm
0-300 Stratified Pairs	7:00pm
0-20 Stratified Pairs	1:00 & 7:00pm

Sunday August 23

0-300 Swiss Teams	10:00am
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HAZEL'S BRIDGE CLUB



Coming Events

- ◆ January 12-18 Club Championship week: Lots of masterpoints (no extra fees).
- ◆ Every Sunday afternoon in January is a Charity Club Championship: \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members.
- ◆ February 2-8 Junior Fund Week: Earn extra masterpoints while helping to sponsor Junior Bridge. All games an extra \$1.
- ◆ February 16-22 Canada-Wide STAC: Pre-dealt hands and Silver Points.

Visit www.hazelsbridge.com for our monthly newsletter and upcoming events

February Seminar Series

Counting Your Way to Better Bridge

9:30 am- 11:30 am Monday, February 2nd, 9th and 16th

Presented by Harold Baba and Ina Demme

Each session will focus on different aspects of counting and is an independent unit. The price is \$20 per session. Free coffee and cookies will be available and attendees will receive a full set of notes. For anyone who would like to stay and play in the afternoon game, a lunch plus bridge special will be offered. Bring your bridge to the next level by learning easy ways to count out your opponents' hands. You will learn how to:

- ◆ Visualize the opponents' hands
- ◆ Count easily
- ◆ Find that missing queen!
- ◆ Play 2-way suits
- ◆ Get information from the bidding

Each time you attend your name will be entered into a draw. The 3 winners will win a game with one of Harold Baba, Ina Demme or Hazel Wolpert at Hazel's club. If you attend all 3 seminars your name will be entered 5 times instead of 3. The more often you attend the better your chances to win!

Free Parking for Bridge and Shopping

**2nd Floor Centerpoint Mall
Corner of Yonge and Steeles in North York
(416) 221-0069**

www.hazelsbridge.com

Tournament Trail

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FEBRUARY

- 6-8 St. Catharines*
14-15 Oshawa Teams*
16-22 Canada-wide STaC
22 Kempenfelt Teams*
28-1 Sudbury*

MARCH

- 6-8 Hamilton*
12-22 Spring NABC, Houston

APRIL

- 7-12 Toronto Regional, p. 38-39
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JULY

- 3-5 Markham (Thornhill)
17-19 Windsor
23-2 Summer NABC, Washington, DC

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- 7-9 Tillsonburg
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SEPTEMBER

- 4-6 Toronto
11-13 St. Thomas
11-13 Elliot Lake
15-20 Barrie Regional
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